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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: SKIN COSMETIC COMPOSITION

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: EXAMINER: Gina YU

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the final Office Action mailed October 22, 2002, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 20 and 22 as follows:

20. (Amended) A skin cosmetic composition comprising hydrogel particles and an aqueous medium, wherein the hydrogel particles are dispersed in the aqueous medium, and each of said hydrogel particles comprises a non-crosslinked hydrogel and an oil component, said oil component being dispersed in the non-crosslinked hydrogel, and wherein said hydrogel particles exclude polymer(s) which modify the gel strength of said hydrogel particles.

